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THE TWO-YEAR-OLD	) TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN EQUATORIAL GUIN
NGABON HAS FLARE	D UP AGMAIN, AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS BY BOTH
VERNMENTS TO DEFUSE	THE SITUATION ARE AT AN IMPASSE. NEITHER
UNTRY HAS ASKED TH	HE UN OR OAU TO INTERVENE, AND THE FLARE-UP S
R HAS RECEIVED NO	FOREIGN PRESS COVERAGE. THUS FAR THERE HAS
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EQUATORIAL GUINE	A PRECIPITATED THE LATEST INCIDENT LAST WEEK
	JPIED TERRITORY IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF
IN ITS TROOPS OCCU	
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QUATORIAL GUINEA FROM WHICH THEY RETURNED WITH 3D HOSTAGES.

OSTAGES ON BOTH SIDES SUBSEQUENTLY WERE RELEASED. BUT GUINEAN

ROOPS HAVE NOT GONE BACK ACROSS THE BORDER AND GABONESE PRESIDENT

ONGO HAS NOW ORDERED HIS TROOPS INTO THE AREA.

IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHY EQUATORIAL GUINEAN PRESIDENT MACIAS

ECIDED TO PROVOKE THE INCIDENT AND TO EXACERBATE RELATIONS WITH MARCIAS'
ABON AT THIS TIME. FRENCH DIPLOMATS IN LIBREVILLE BELIEVE/ACTIONS

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